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## Conveniences and Stable Populations Aid Viability of Center Mall, Study Shows

by Hally Ahearn

Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission staff presented the findings of their study of the Center Shopping Mall's market, its site and physical condition at a meeting on Tuesday, March 10. At a public meeting on Tuesday, April 14, Commission staff will recommend marketing techniques and physical improvements to the Mall area, based on their findings.

The city and the center mall business community, concerned about the Center's vitality and appeal, asked that MNCPPC conduct the study and make recommendations for improvements. Not only Beltway Plaza, but now the newly opened and expanding Greenway and Eastgate centers could sap the strength of this neighborhood shopping, service and community area.

"That Center will thrive because it's a neighborhood center," said city Councilman Thomas X. White during the course of the meeting. Although population, housing units, and employment will rise only slightly in the "primary market area" (Old Greenbelt), the study found the primary area "a stable and captive mar-

"From a geographic point of view, Greenbelt is an enclave," explained Joe Valenza, MNCPPC economist. The study projects that population in the primary market, now at 10,478, will increase only slightly to 10,507, by the year 2000. Dwelling units will increase from 3,600 to 3887, and employment, at 1,770, will stay the same.

The secondary market area—Springhill Lake, Windsor Green, Greenbriar, and communities along Greenbelt Road—is not essential to the vitality of the Center, according to Valenza, but makes an important contribution. The Center Mall comprises only 6% of the total commercial space in the secondary area.

In the secondary market, population is projected to increase from 29,403 to 31,268; dwelling units from 11,794 to 13,203; and employment from 10,875 to 14,809 by the year 2000. "There is not much land available for expansion," said Valenza.

"As a neighborhood facility, Valenza said, "there is the likelihood that it (the Center) could continue to hold its own, unless it is more convenient or more appealing to go elsewhere."

The Planning Commission's urban design group's analysis of the Center praised its convenience but outlined some "opportunities" for improving its appeal.

Because of the excellent original planning of the Center, it provides an exceptional sidewalk system and good traffic circulation and parking. And, "Numerous large trees including oaks, beech, and white pine contribute a sense of permanence to the Center," their draft analysis says.

But, "the overall appearance of the buildings is a disadvantage." Using slides, Sylvia Silverman of the urban design staff showed examples of peeling or partially removed paint on buildings, missing trees, unsightly loading areas, exposed caulking, brick and paint of different colors, and business signs of differing styles.

Behind the superficial inconsistencies in style and color and the signs of deterioration, however, Silverman saw a uniform architectural design and praised particularly the attractively rounded corners of the buildings and rounded facade above the theater. Although she showed some plantings in need of attention, Silverman praised the flowering pear trees and the screen of white pines behind the statue in the mall area of the Center.

Silverman suggested unifying the Mall buildings by use of color and slowing down deterioration as first steps in refurbishing the architecture. She will present detailed suggestions at the meeting on April 14.

The Planning Commission staff brought with them the results of two marketing surveys. A survey of Center Mall businessmen cited ease of access (63%), community spirit (42%) and steady trade (37%) as the major advantages of the Center Mall location, but found inadequate parking (47%), visual blight (42%) and declining trade (21%) among major disadvantages. A restaurant (42%) or a hardware store (37%) would draw more customers to Greenbelt, they said. The business men said their competitors were located at Beltway Plaza (68%), Greenway Center (37%) and the Center Mall itself (42%).

Forty-nine percent of the residents who responded to the MNCPPC survey published in the January 29 issue of the News Review said they shop at the Center twice a week. The most-used public facility at the Center was cited as the Post Office (98%), then the library (81%), the swimming pool - Youth Center - Athletic Field complex (45%) and municipal offices (35%). Fifty percent of the respondents said they had shopped at the Center for more than 10 years. Seventy-five percent said the Center had changed. Fifty-five percent said its appearance had improved, 26 percent said parking had decreased; 15 percent said the Center had become physically less attractive. Seventy-one percent cited a larger selection of merchandise and 36 percent lower prices among the attractions to other shopping areas. The residents favored improvements in parking and store fronts as changes that would attract more customers.

Leo Gerton, recently retired owner of the High's store and an active participant in meetings with the MNCPPC, said that store improvements over the years had fallen to the tenant on the interior, and to the landlord on the exterior. The Center's ownership has changed hands over the years, he explained, but except for minor and sporadic improvements, its appearance has not. Sergio Rodriguez, head of the MNCPPC team, suggested that citizen involvement was one important way to effect a change in this situa-

At the meeting on April 14, MNCPPC staff will also discuss ways of seeking financing for improvements for deteriorating business areas.

# 5th Congressional Race Unofficial Greenbelt Results REPUBLICANS

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CANDIDATES	(3)	(6)	(8)	(13	Total
George Benns	1	0	0	0	1
Robert Brickell	0	0	1	0	1
David Elliott	7	1	1	1	10
Irvin Henson, Jr.	0	1-	0	0	1
Lawrence Hogan, Jr.	45	54	31	38	168
John Lillard	34	7	9	10	60
Jack Price	0	0	0	0	0
Jon Robinson	0	4	2	4	10
Audrey Scott	126	135	98	95	454
Jean Speicher	3	2	2	2	9
Frederick Taylor	0	0	1	0	1
Woodworth Watrous	2	1	3	1	7
Total Votes Cast	218	205	148	151	722
Total Registered	504	460	421	540	1925
% Voting	43.2	44.5	35.1	27.9	37.5

## Hoyer & Scott Win

by Elaine Skolnik

When the votes were tallied in Greenbelt on Primary Day, April 7, Republican Audrey Scott and Democrat Steny Hoyer were the winning candidates (see unofficial results below. They will face each other in the May 19 general election for the Fifth Congressional District seat vacated by the illness of Congresswoman Gladys Noon Spellman.

Hoyer captured 29% of the Greenbelt vote (718) and 31% (14,013) in the District. Close behind Hoyer was Reuben Spellman who garnered 25.5% (630) in Greenbelt and 27% (12,364) in the District. Finishing in third place was Edward Conroy with 478 Greenbelt votes and 6,152 District votes. The fourth slot went to Stewart Bainum who collected 358 Greenbelt votes and 5,858 District votes.

The Republican totals in Greenbelt also mirrored those of the District with Larry Hogan Jr. in second place and John Lillard finishing third. Scott overwhelmed Hogan in all four precincts in Greenbelt, rolling up 62.8% of the vote (454). In the District she increased her advantage with 65% (8,642) votes. Greenbelt and District Republicans delivered 23% of the vote to Hogan. In Greenbelt he collected 168 votes; in the District 3,057.

#### Local Vote

Hoyer's big vote was in Roosevelt (Precinct 13) where Greenbelt residents in Greenbriar/Glen Oaks and Windsor Green vote. (Also included in Precinct 13 are developments not located within the city limits—Chelsea Woods, Goddard Space/Hunting Ridge and Brae Brook apartments.) Hoyer was also the top vote-getter in Springhill Lake.

Spellman's best showing was in Center and North End. Conroy made a respectable showing in North End where he was in second place and in Center where he was a close third.

Bainum, a Montgomery Coun-

#### Radiothon at WMUC

Radio station WMUC FM continues its radiothon for Cystic Fibrosis until 3 p.m. Friday. Greenbelter Alex Likowski is one of the participants. Prizes such as records and tickets will be auctioned off to some of the listeners who call in.

ty delegate, did surprisingly well in Greenbelt and the District where he beat out Sue Mills. Mills did not fare as well in Greenbelt as in the District. In Greenbelt, former Mayor Francis White was seventh in a field of 19.

Surprisingly, the voter turnout in Greenbelt and the District was higher than predicted. (Special congressional elections have traditionally generated low voter turnouts.) On Tuesday about 42.2% (3,189) of greenbelt's registered Republicans and Democrats trekked to the polls. In the county about 41% of the District's 146,219 registered Republicans and Democrats cast ballots.

The turnout was higher than the May 13, 1980 presidential primary election when 40.5% of the 7.483 registered Republicans and Democrats voted in Greenbelt's four precincts. Across the state and in the county, the turnout was about 36%.

In the 1978 off-year primary, 40% of the eligible Democrats and 27% of the Republicans voted. On Tuesday, 43.7% of the registered Democrats and 37.5% of the Republicans cast ballots. In the District 40% of the registered Democrats voted, while about 37% of the registered Republicans cast

#### **Greenbelt Precincts**

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Springhill	566	1,642	34.4
Lake (8)			
Roosevelt	683	1,963	34.7
(13)			
Totals	3,189	7,551	42.2

\*includes only Democrats and Republicans

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Stewart Bainum, Jr.	131	78	85	64	358
Robert Bassette	3	1		1	6
Robert Bates	0	0	1	0	1
Anselmo Chavez	2	0	1	0	3
Edward Conroy	190.	191	27	70	478
Henri DeLozier, Jr.	1	0	0	0	1
Donald Greenawalt .	2	0	0	0	2
William Halterman	1	0	0	1	2
Steny Hoyer	202	164	135	217	718
Lawrence Keval	0	1	1	0	2
Richard Lee	0	2	0	1	3
Joseph Meadow	3	3	3	10	19
Sue Mills	35	58	23	39	155
Thomas O'Reilly	13	11	11	24	59
Melvin Perkins	0	0	0	0	0
John Sellner	0	1	0	0	1
Reuben Spellman	206	196	126	102	630
Michael Sprague	2	1	1	2	6
Francis White	13	8	3	1	25
Total Votes Cast	804	715	418	532	2469
Total Registered Voters	1594	1388	1221	1423	5626
% Voting	50.4	51.5	34.2	37.3	43.8

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#### Help Prevent Vandalism To the Editor:

On Sunday night, April 5 at about 11 p.m., vandals broke a large window, uprooted freshly planted trees and shrubs, and scattered trash at the Methodist Church. Such acts of vandalism can only be stopped when the people of Greenbelt know they must be aware of all that goes on around them. We must be alert to strange people in our area and keep a watch on them. If they act suspicious, we should call the police. We should write down the license numbers of suspicious vehicles. The good outnumber the bad, one-thousand-to-one, and the one causes a lot of grief for every-

We don't want to say this, but we are too trusting to anyone we meet. We have to learn to stay alert and watch for the "bad guys." When we hear strange noises, we have to take the time to investigate. When we all work together on this problem, then Greenbelt again will be a safe place to live.

A \$100 reward is offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those persons responsible for the vandalism to the Methodist Church. Call the Greenbelt police at 474-7200.

Albert F. Cousin Ralph Webb Trustees, Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

#### Children & Youth Forum

Greenbelt American Legion Auxiliary Post and Unit No. 136 will sponsor its second annual joint Children and Youth Forum on Thursday, April 16, at 8:30 p.m. at the Post Home. Greenbelt Road.

Featured attractions for the evening include Major Pat Hangcs, Baltimore County Police Department, Juvenile Division (Child Abuse and Neglect), a representative from the Special Olympics and a discussion on Drug Prevention.

This event is open free to the public. Refreshments will follow the program.

### Soccer Season Underway

Soccer is alive and kicking in Greenbelt, and is growing more popular each season.

The eight year old county team has already played three games and is undefeated. They beat Lanham 6-0, New Carrollton, 5-0, and Kettering 1-0.

There are 15 boys and 5 girls on the team. They are all third graders and are learning soccer skills, good, sportsmanship, and how to be an important part of a team.

Soccer is a new sport for some, but it's fast becoming a national obsession.

#### COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSIONS

Tues 4/21 Public Works Mon. 4/27 Police

Tues. 4/28 Organizations

Tues. 5/5 Recreation

Mon. 5/11 CARES/Administration/Revenues

Tues. 5/19 Public Hearing

Tues 5/26 Final Work Session Mon. 6/1 Regular Council

meeting to pass budget



Greenbelt Community P.O. Box 245 Greenbelt, Md. 20770 474-4090/345-2918

#### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Episcopal

Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Rev. John G. Bals, Rector 422-8057

#### Lost Bike To the Editor:

I'm ten years old and was just learning to ride my 10-speed. I was having so much fun, until someone borrowed it from my yard at 19-B Ridge. Please return it as my parents can't afford to get me another one. God will bless you always for making a little girl very happy.

#### Debbie Brunatti **GREENBELT HOMEMAKERS**

The next regular meeting of the Greenbelt Homemakers will be on Wednesday, April 15 at 8 p.m. at the home of Fran Crisman, Irene Szafran will present the topic: "Investing Money Today." Persons interested in learning more about the Homemakers can contact Winnie Phibbs (474-4031) or Crisman (345-9032). Visitors and guests are always welcome.

#### LOCAL D.P.M.A. MEETING

The local chapter of the Data Processing Management Association will hold its next dinner meeting on April 14 at the Domino Restaurant, 10280 Baltimore Blvd., College Park. Social hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., speaker at 8 pm. Carl Machover, international consultant, lecturer and writer, will discuss "On Being a Consultant" For reservations call Don Medley at 344-3795.

#### **Mowatt Memorial**

United Methodist Church 40 Ridge Rd.

Church School 9:30 - 10.30 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

Rev. Ira C. Keperling, Pastor 474-1924

#### Paint Branch **Unitarian Church**

3215 Powder Mill Road 4 blocks south of High Pt. H.S.

April 12 - 9:30 a.m. Forum Discussion on El Salvador.

11 a.m. - Service "Our Central American Connection: Rights Beyond Partisanism"

Rev. Richard W. Kelley, Min. 937-3666

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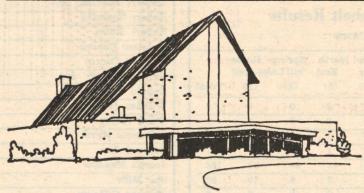
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## Holy Cross Lutheran Church

6905 Greenbelt Road

Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.

Wednesday evening Lenten Services 7:30 p.m.

Edward H Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111

### Combined Choirs to Offer Mishkan Torah News "Godspell" Palm Sunday

A medley of music from Godspell will be sung by the combined choirs of local churches at their spring concert on Palm Sunday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be presented at the Greenbelt Community Church.

In addition to Godspell, Jean Cook, director (Saint Hugh's Catholic Church), and Mildred Kern, Organist (Greenbelt Community Church) have selected music by Randall Thompson, Albert Zabel, Livingston Gearhart, Hal H. Hopson, and Hugh S. Robertson for the choirs to sing.

Members from Saint Hugh's Catholic Church, Mowatt Memo-

A family service will be held at the Mishkan Torah on Friday, April 10 at 8 p.m. Children who celebrate birthdays in April and May will be honored.

On Saturday, April 11, Eron Sodie will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. He is the son of Arnie and Rena Sodie. Services start at 9:30 a.m.

rial United Methodist Church, Greenbelt Baptist Church, Greenbelt Community Church as well as non-affiliated singers make up

Immediately following the concert, the choirs will host a social hour in the basement of the church. Refreshments will be

#### **Greenbelt Community Church**



(United Church of Christ) Hillside and Crescent Roads Phone 474-6171 mornings

11 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship and Church School

Nursery provided at 2B Hillside Rev. Sherry Taylor and Rev. Harry Taylor co-pastors

#### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY (April 12) — 11 A.M. Morning Worship 7:30 P.M. Combined Choir Concert

MAUNDY THURSDAY (April 16) — 6:30 P.M. Covered Dish Supper followed by Holy Communion

GOOD FRIDAY (April 17) — 8:00 P.M. at Mowatt Memorial

HOLY SATURDAY (April 18) — 9:00 P.M. Easter Vigil Service of Candlelight Communion

EASTER SUNDAY (April 19) — 11 A.M. Easer Morning

## St. Hugh's Catholic Church

123 Crescent Road

#### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, April 12

MASSES (with blessing of palms) 6 P.M. Saturday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 A.M. and 12:30 P.M.

MONDAY, April 13

7:30 and 9:00 A.M., 7:30 P.M. MASSES STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:10 P.M.

TUESDAY, April 14 MASSES

CONFESSIONS

7:30 and 9:00 A.M.

After the 7:30 P.M. Mass

7:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, April 15

MASSES 7:30 and 9:00 A.M. TENEFRAE SERVICE CONFESSIONS 11:00 to 12 Noon, after 7:30 P.M. Service

HOLY THURSDAY, April 16

THE LAST SUPPER

LOW MASS 7:30 A.M. SEDER MEAL 5:45 P.M. CONCELEBRATED MASS OF

GOOD FRIDAY, April 17 (Day of Fast and Abstinence)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 12:10 P.M. LITURGICAL SERVICE AND COMMUNION 7:30 P.M. CONFESSIONS 11:00 to 12 Noon, after 7:30 P.M. Service

#### HOLY SATURDAY, April 18

NO MORNING SERVICES OR 6:00 P.M. MASS CONFESSIONS 11:00 to 12 Noon, 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. EASTER VIGIL SERVICE AND MASS (Fulfills Sunday obligation)

EASTER SUNDAY, April 19

MASSES

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 A.M. and 12:30 P.M.

#### Kindergarten Registration To Be Held April 21-24

Registration for kindergarten classes next fall in the public elementary schools of Prince Georges County will be held during the week of April 21 through April 24.

Children who will be five years old by January 1, 1982, are eligible for registration. Parents should identify and contact as soon as possible the appropriate elementary school their child would attend during the next school year.

Chidren will need a proof of age (birth certificate) and a proof of residency in Prince Georges County, which also includes the completion by the parent of the Affidavit of Disclosure to verify residency as required by law.

In addition, all children entering the public schools for the first time must provide proof of immunization against various diseases, incuding diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough for children seven years old and younger), tetanus, polio, rubella (German or three-day measles), and rubeola (red or 10-day measles).

For more information call the Office of School Boundaries at 952-4390.

#### Piano Examinations For High Schoolers

Students in the eleventh and twelfth grades in Maryland schools who study piano privately are invited to take part in the 1981 Piano Examinations. This program is sponsored by the Maryland State Music Teachers Association and is approved by the Maryland State Department of Education.

To qualify, the students must study piano privately on a regular basis during the 1980-1981 school year.

The exams will take place at testing centers in high schools in various parts of the state during April 1981. Each student will play by memory a ten-minute program which includes music from different periods of composition. Experienced piano teachers will serve as judges.

A record of their grades will be placed in their permanent record folders at their schools. Each student earning a passing grade will receive a Certificate of Achievement.

There is a fee for each examination. For more information, inquire at a local high school, or write to Mrs. Ann Matteson, 5204 Paducah Road, College Park, MD

#### Coffee Hour

A presentation and display of Match Safes will be given by Tony Verge, president Pairpoint, Cup-Plate Collectors and Treasurer Suratt Society at the free coffee hour lecture to be held at the Greenbelt libray on Tuesday, Apil 14, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend, and bring their match containers for identification. Advance registration is recommended. Call 322-0875.

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#### Recreation Review

Late Class Registration

There are still openings in all of the Spring Leisure Time Activities Classes and sign up can be done by coming in person to the Rec. Dept. Business Office, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. or by calling 474-6878

Tennis Court Use

Spring is here, and the city's courts are going into their usual heavy demand. Tennis players are advised to check posted rules and regulations for court use as well as scheduled department lessons

#### Fun Runs

The Greenbelt Running Club will celebrate its 101st Fun Run this Saturday at 9 a.m. at Greenbelt Lake with distances of ½, 1, and 2½ miles. The first Fun Run was held on November 27, 1976. They have been held twice monthly since then. There were 14 runners in that first Fun Run, and approximately 2000 runners in the 4+ years hence. For further information, call Larry Noel at 474-9362.

and tournaments. This will avoid any unnecessary inconvenience.

#### "Crier" Reporter Answers Giese

Editor's note: On March 5 the News Review printed a letter from City Manager James K. Giese addressed to Robert C. Zugby, President of the Greenbriar Recreation Assn. concerning an article that had appeared in the "Greenbriar Crier" about the Greenbelt Police Dept. The following letter, which has been excerpted, from Clifton L. Brown, Jr., President of Greenbriar Phase I, is a response.

Dear Mr. Giese,

I read with some interest your letter to Mr. Zugby, President of
Greenbriar Recreation Association, Inc., which was published in the
March 5, 1981 edition of the Greenbelt News Review, concerning my letter to the Greenbriar Crier, published in Volume II, Number 2, on Crime
Prevention — What City Council Can Do.

I feel, as writer of the letter, that it is appropriate for me to respond to some of your remarks concerning my letter, as well as to comment on the issue you raised concerning the adequacy of police manpower in Greenhelt

In your letter you state that my letter is "... factually incorrect and unfair to the Greenbelt City Council ..." and that it "... states as recommendations of the police department matters which are not recommendations of that department ..." As to that latter statement, my only comment is — that is not what my letter said; that is something which you are implying it said. As to the former statement, I can only presume that what you are particularly referring to is the allegation in my letter that 'City Council chose not to fill a police vacancy." You state that it is your office and the Police Chief, that have the responsibility for the hiring of the city policemen. While I have no doubt that the City Council has delegated those duties to you both, that delegation does not relieve City Council from the responsibility for your acts or, as in this case, your omission to act in the performance of your official duties. In my view then, City Council is, at least, constructively responsible for the police vacancy.

I must also take issue with the undertone of your 'incorrect and unfair' statement. It appears to me to be a subtle attempt to invalidate my letter by leaving the impression that I was less than precise in my recollection of statements made at the Crimestoppers meeting. I believe that this intimation was adequately answered by Barbara Cho's extremely able letter, published in the February 19, 1981 edition of the Greenbelt News Review, where she indicated that at a Crimestoppers meeting subsequent to the one I attended, she heard similar responses to the same kinds of questions.

In your letter you raised the issue of the adequacy of police manpower in Greenbelt. You cite a 30% increase in police officers over the last five years while the population has remained stable, and you note that Greenbelt has 1.6 police officers per thousand compared to the Prince Georges County Police who have a manpower strength of 1.3 police officers per thousand . . . According to the FBI . . . the average number of police officers for a municipality of this size is 2.0 per thousand on a national level and 2.2 per thousand in the geographical division that Maryland is grouped in. County police on the other hand average out on a national level to 1.5 per thousand . . .

In order for our community to reach the average geographical level of police officer manpower, the Greenbelt Police Department would need to have an authorized strength of some 35 police officers i.e., some 10 more police officers than are authorized presently. Put in another way, the Greenbelt Police Department is some 29% below the average geographical police manpower levels . . . I recognize that you have said that Greenbelt has one of the lowest crime rates in the metropolitan area, but that is precisely my point; it is low compared to a high crime rate area, a small city between two large urban cities that have very large crime index totals.

In your letter you imply that City Council has done all that reasonable men could be expected to do in providing an adequate police force for Greenbelt. With all due respect to City Council, in light of the comparison above, I think that this remains an open question . . .

We both are interested in keeping Greenbelt a safe place to live and I personally look forward to working with you, City Council, and the Police in the fight against crime.

Clifton L. Brown, Jr.

#### PHASE II HOMES - BRICK AND BLOCK

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-	3/1x3/3	362	294	281	
	3/1x3/7	382	308	288	
	4/5x3/3	540	422	336	
	4/5x3/7	560	432	344	
	5/9x4/3	620	496	381	

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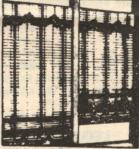
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## Members Questions, Late Payments, CDA Closing Occupy GHI Board

Member problems and rehab concerns once again dominated the March 26 Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Board of Directors meeting. Late fee charges were assessed and a tentative date for the annual membership meeting was set.

President Don Volk's opening the floor to members met with a larger than usual response. Jay Henson spoke of the months of delay since he claimed that one of his tires was punctured due to negligence of a subcontractor. The claim will be paid by the GHI rehab unresolved claims fund. GHI will try to collect from the subcontractor whose insurance company denies liability. Member Joe Jennings sought board approval of his plan to install his own siding, to save on the cost of instal-Management expressed doubts about the wisdom of allowing individual members to install insulation. Staff Architect Stan Sersen said that too much staff time is spent processing such requests. Members Ben Hogensen, Jim Smith, Charles Schwan and Ray McCawley opposed the request. Board members Margaret Hogensen, Wayne Williams, Carl Conrad, and Joe Jenkins urged the board to exercise caution when considering such a request. Board member Ed James and Audit committee member Frank Gervasi favored allowing a member to install his own siding. The board voted to defer consideration of the request until the next board meeting, and also asked management to bring its recommendations considering the question to the next meeting.

A member who is selling her GHI home had questions about policy on electrical heavy-up of her home. At the time of sale a home must be brought up to 100 amps if the appliances in the require it. Staff recommends heavying up to 125 amps, which is required for the electrical heat conversion, which is expected to begin before July. Della Donaldson's motion to reaffirm GHI policy requiring heavy-up at the time of sale, passed.

Another member wanted approval of a non-conforming service side addition. Architect Sersen's recommendation for approval of the request was accepted by the board.

#### Decisions Deferred

Management asked the board to approve a contract with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for replacement of water lines for the frame units and for installation of individual unit water meters. The board deferred action on the matter, preferring to await more detailed information on the costs and the contract.

A management request for approval of the rehab contract between GHI and GHI-DC was also deferred. Closing date for the Community Development Administration loan is April 30. Staff wants all paperwork submitted to CDA by mid-April. However, the board was fearful of being locked into unwanted specifications, unable to alter them. Although staff said specifications can be amended later, the board members wanted all of the fine print spelled out before giving approval. Director John Lewis' motion to defer action on the contract was deferred until the next meeting.

Late Fees

Citing the figure of 200 members as being habitually late in payment of their fees, management asked for approval of late fees and of a bounced check charge. When members are late in their payments (after the 11th of the month), GHI loses out on the interest it would be earning if the money were deposited in its account. Board approved a motion by Wayne Williams to assess a late fee of 5% of the monthly charge and a \$10 returned check charge (levied when a check has been twice deposited and rejected). The policy will go into effect June 1.

Getting the Bugs Out

Frank Gervasi spoke of a rash recent member complaints about cockroaches invading their homes. He recommended poisoning the roaches while the walls are open during rehab. Boric acid powder is presently given to members upon request. While harmless to humans, it is the least effective method of combatting the insects. Manager Ken Kopstein said staff is investigating the cost of contracting out the pest control versus having GHI personnel do the job.

#### Annual Membership Meeting

On a motion by Steve Curtis, a preferred date of May 29-30 was set for the annual membership meeting. The meeting would be Friday evening, with voting continuing Saturday. It was felt that this would be more convenient for many members as well as for Nominations and Elections committee members.

Director Margaret Hogensen expressed concern over the moisture accumulating between storm windows and old windows in some bathrooms. The seal between the windows is not airtight; moisture can get in and puddle between the windows. Curtis suggested that it might be prudent to replace the windows with the air-tight Thermapane windows.

#### GREENBELT WINS AAA CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations are in order for Greenbelt's 1st AAA basketball team, coached by Bobby O'Bryhim and Brian Dredger.

The 13-yr.-old AAA basketball team completed its season by capturing its division with a 10-2 record and then defeating previously unbeaten Oxon Hill 50-44 and 46-39 to win the P.G. AAA County Championship. The Greenbelt team was led throughout the season by James Washington (avg. 15 pts. and 9 rebounds) and Mike

#### Complaint Committee Report

The Ad Hoc Rehab Complaint Committee report was read by Lynda Lynch. The committee disagreed with the board's decision to pay for Jay Henson's claim, saying that GHI should make the subcontractor pay. The board voted to pay a member's substantiated claim if the member gets no satisfaction from the contractor within 30 days of submitting a claim. GHI would then try to collect from the contractor or his

#### Miscellaneous

Don Volk named the following to the Outstanding Employee Award committee: Joe Jenkins, Janet James, and Nat Shinder-

Curtis suggested that consideration be given to allowing service side additions on block and brick homes. He noted that Phase 2 rehab of those homes was slated to begin soon. Hot water heaters would take valuable storage space that such an addition could re-

Kopstein reported that work has begun on homes using loans from the Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program.

In response to questions from board members, Kopstein said that the scanning of exterior frame walls for insulation coverage is complete. He also said that the plumbers are no longer installing showers in homes where they are not desired.

Gielen (avg. 9 pts. and 5 steals), and with the added help of Derek Campbell and Alex Campbell, they clinched the 1st AAA Championship in Greenbelt basketball history. Also contributing strongly to the team were J. J. Staton, Steve Simko, John Lester, Mike Horstman and Craig Stewart.

The 13-yr.-old team and the 10yr.-old team won their respective divisions in the Beltsville Tournament. Greenbelt's 10-yr.-old County team defeated Beltsville 29-22 and College Park 21-10 to win their title. Greenbelt's AAA 13-yr.-old team won their division by defeating Lewisdale 53-50 and Beltsville 50-34.

#### **Prince Georges Symphony** To Hold Concert at ERHS

The Prince Georges Symphony will present its Spring Concert on Saturday, April 11, at 8 p.m., in the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Auditorium, Frederick Morden, Music Director, will return for the concert from Vienna, Austria, where he has been studying and teaching this year. He will premiere a commissioned original composition entitled "DECA.

The guest soloist, Enrique Graf of the Peabody Institute faculty, will perform Grieg's Piano Concerto in A Minor. Also on the program is Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 in C Minor.

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Additional information is available from the City Manager's office, City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770, (301) 474-8002.

The deadline for receipt of proposals is Wednesday, April 29, 1981.

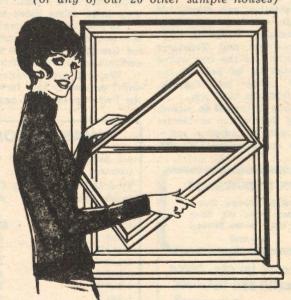
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The Beltway Plaza Car Wash was entered on April 6 and a cash box removed. The suspect then set fire to the office.

A Bluebird Cab Driver was robbed by two white males about 18-20 years old who put a metal object against his neck. Early on the morning of April 5, the cab driver had picked up the suspects and driven them to Springhill Lake where the robbery occurred.

Cars in 37 and 49 courts Ridge and 151 Centerway were vandalized over the weekend. Nine cars were spray painted and 18 tires were slashed. An investigation is being conducted.

Ninety-six sets of aluminum window frames were stolen from the GHI trailer park.

A young lady reported being picked up by a male as she was walking on Greenbelt Road at Lakecrest. Once in his vehicle, she stated that she was threatened with a handgun and forced to perform a sex act. While parked, the suspect struck her and during the struggle she got away. A lookout was issued and the area searched. A pellet gun was later found in the area.

One shoplifting arrest was made at Marshall's and two in the A&P at Beltway Plaza.

Two male subjects were charged with being in possession of alcohol in the Lake Park.

A Peeping Tom was arrested on Cherrywood Lane in Springhill Lake.

A robbery took place at Designers Fashion in Greenway Shopping Center. The suspects, a male and a female, obtained \$150 in cash. Because a tag number was obtained, the get-away vehicle was located. The female suspect is now in custody.

Plans are being made for Police Week, May 18-23.

#### CITY NOTES

The general crew installed "No Ball Playing" and "No Bicycling" signs in the Center. A new stop 'sign was added on Capital Drive at Walker Drive. Eight 400 watt mercury vapor street lights were removed from the North Parking Lot and eight 250 watt high pressure sodium lights were installed in their place.

The crew removed bad concrete from the municipal pool this week. Work was also done on the bath house. Several broken slats on the Lake Park Bandstand were repaired.

The ballfield at Windsor Green was fertilized and grass seed was put down. Grass was removed from the infield. Sections of the North End ballfield were broken up with the grader and then leveled. More work is still needed on this field. The entrance road to the Northway Ball Park was also graded this week.

In Past Weeks. . .

McDonald Field was cleaned and is now ready for use. The leaf vacuum and chipper were out several days picking up leaves and roadside debris. Stone was placed on the Lake Park trail and chips were placed in the area behind the Concession Stand, to control erosion.

Kenneth Hall, Norman Powell and J. Paul Williams attended a two-day "Work Area Safety Training" seminar.

The general crew completed repair of the shoulder of Legion Drive. Streets were patched and the Lake Park Service Road was repaired. Several members of the crew repaired the Allis-Chalmer

A steam table was delivered to Green Ridge House.

The parks crew worked on the various ballfield layouts.

The Gasoline Tax Division of the Maryland State Comptroller's Office audited the Public Works books on gasoline distribution and gave the city a very good report on record-keeping.

#### **Golden Age Conference**

by Blanche Lee

The Golden Age Conference held recently at Prince Georges Community College in Largo, open to senior citizens 60 years of age and older, was well attended despite the blustery March weather. The audience heard keynote speaker Dr. Dana Cable, of the Maryland State Commission on Aging, and Associative Professor at Hood College, discuss the 1981 White House Conference on Aging to be held November 3 to December 3 on issues and problems facing senior citizens.

First, he noted, was the problem of economic security, as related to inflation, taxation, fixed incomes and personal exemptions. Other issues were energy (maintenance and ability to meet bills), revision of the Social Security System, Food Stamps, transportation, and the needs of elderly minority groups. The last topic, consumer interests, covered a wide field of research in education, physical and mental health, home care nursing versus nursing home care, the financing of health programs, housing, tax relief, and employment training facilities.

Dr. Cable emphasized many myths concerning aging and senility. In closing, he said that many senior citizens have much to offer, not only in their own group, but to younger generations as well; they can make noteworthy contributions to society and the community in their own special way.

During the afternoon participants could choose between the much talked about WJLA-TV 7 documentary and film, "Until We Say Goodbye," attend a batik demonstration or a drawing and painting demonstration. The Department of Aging and the Prince Georges Community College were joint sponsors of the program.

We the undersigned members of G.H.I. say that:

- 1. The Management and Board of Directors should stop and reevaluate Phase II as it relates to the original Greenbelt homes. Their spending and borrowing are excessive, and includes facilities that do not need to change.
- 2. The impending mortgages and liens on our homes do not have the approval of 80% of G.H.I. member dwellings who will be paying dearly for the next 30 years.
- 3. Additions and changes to our homes are imposed by rigid rules that conflict with a vital community.
- 4. A good cooperative management should share and serve all of its members' diverse concerns, needs, and welfare.
- 5. We will persist in calling attention to the threat to our security and Contract rights until the G.H.I. Management and the Board of Directors amend their course.

#### GHI MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO ADD THEIR NAMES BY CON-TACTING ONE OF THE NEIGHBORS BELOW.

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Take a free course in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation. The City of Greenbelt offers two courses a month conducted in the local elementary schools. Pre-registration is requested; a nominal fee is charged to non-Greenbelters. Call the Rec. Dept. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 474-6878. Hours are from 7-10:30 p.m. April SHL Elementary, 22 and 23; May-Center School, 12 and 13, SHL Elementary, 20 and 21, and June-Center School, 9 and 10.

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S. R. Patrick Lee Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lee Moore of Ridge Rd., graduated from Great Lakes Naval Training School on March 29. Moore will be stationed in San Diego, CA in Seal school for 52 weeks of training.

Greenbelt Golden Age Club President, Bob Dove, is retiring to Florida and vice-president, Florence Holly, will serve as President for the remainder of

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## Unhappy Members Rehash Rehab **Decisions at GHI Board Meeting**

A heated rehash of the March 19 Special Membership Meeting on rehab and rehab financing opened the April 2 Board Meeting of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Member Martha Hutzler quoted a July 24, 1979 letter from GHI attorney Patrick Clancy requiring a final rehabilitation plan to be approved by a twothirds majority of membership. Director Wayne Williams explained that this letter referred specifically to the HUD loan and did not pertain to the recent votes. Member Benjamin Abramwitz repeated his desire to have a majority of all GHI members, not just a majority present and voting, approve the rehabilita-

Several other members seemed to support this position. However, Member Charles Schwan pointed out that no election, including presidential or city council, is determined by a majority of all citizens. Audit Committee Member Katherine Keene stated that a majority of members who attended voted to approve the rehabilitation package and that what was required to be fair was that all members were informed of the issues and had the opportunity to

Other members suggested changes in the voting procedures. Member Eunice Coxon thought management should ensure that there be sufficient seating, that votes be taken by secret ballot, that motions should be flashed on a screen for all to see, and that the parliamentarian be responsible for reading the motion. She also suggested that the Nominations and Elections Committee survey members to see why they don't attend the meeting. Member William Feller mentioned that information packets left at homes often blow away and that management should put the materials being distributed to members in plastic bags which can hang on doorknobs.

#### Individual Siding Prohibited

Citing problems with maintenance, warranty and ensuring quality and conformity of work, management recommended and the board approved a motion prohibiting individual members from installing siding. This is a departure from the "equal to or better than" provision in the rehabilitation program which allowed members to do or have done certain portions of the program as long as standards were met. Audit Committee Member Frank Gerwasi spoke in favor of allowing individuals to do this work, stating that few members would wish to do so, that it was not so difficult to install siding correctly, and that the individual's right to work on his own home should be preserved if at all possible. Director Carl Conrad, however, thought the job more complex. Director John Lewis felt that members who had asked for permission to apply siding before the cut-off date of March 19 should be allowed to do so. Director Margaret Hogensen



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questioned whether other contractors would be permitted to install siding if GHIDC has exclusive contract with a specific contrac-

The board then moved on to other issues. It approved, with modifications, the design for a new sales brochure,

#### Membership Meeting Changed

The date of the annual membership meeting was changed from Friday, May 29 to Thursday, May 28, in order not to conflict with sabbath observances of several religions. The Board approved this motion after some discussion of postponing the meeting until later in June and the desirability of holding it on a Friday night or weekend. Keene suggested that Eleanor Roosevelt High School would be a possible site for the annual meeting. It is air-conditioned and has a larger seating capacity than Center School.

#### Radiant Heat Panels

Members no longer have the option of heating their homes with radiant heat panels in Phase II of the rehabilitation program. GHI management, the staff architect, and EDG, an architectural consulting group, recommended that heat panels be dropped when they proved to be difficult to install properly in GHI homes and to require frequent replacement. The radiant heat panels in Lewis' home, a participant in the electric heat conversion test, have been replaced several times. Heat pumps are still allowed and those members who had selected radiant heat panels can choose either electric baseboard units or

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tween brick and block homes was discussed in open session when a move to place this item on the agenda for executive session was defeated. Director Steve Curtis raised the issue of what he felt were inequitably divided charges between brick and block home owners. In essence he felt that the brick homes were financing the improvements on rehab the block homes. Several members supported this view. Others felt that the mutual ownership contract specified how maintenance charges are to be apportioned. Director Wayne Williams felt management needed to review the problem. Further discussion was postponed until next week. The Board adjourned to Executive Session with many items still remaining on the agenda.

Kopstein appointed Gary Morningstar, his director for purchasing, to Project Director for Construction Operations for GHIDC. Morningstar will be directly responsible to the general manager and assistant general manager of

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